



The Overcoming Saints

S. W. LATIMER, General Overseer

Rev. 3:21, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne."

There is no promise only to those who overcome. Should you start in the race and allow the enemy to overcome you, you have no promise of reward. This great battle begins when you become a child of God through the new birth. There is no station in life, especially in the Christian experience, where you will not be sorely tempted and tried by the enemy. He first begins by trying to make you believe you have no talent however gifted and refined you may be, that your efforts are all in vain. If he can check you through this temptation, he certainly has gained the victory. If you are determined and press on to usefulness, his next attack will be along the line of trying to make you believe that you have done some great crime and thereby have forfeited your right to the blessings and privileges that belong to those who love the Lord. Thousands have been tempted and turned aside and their Christian experience almost blighted.

One party told me that after being deprived of the privilege of attending services and becoming cold and indifferent, one day they had a trial and became angry and for months the enemy tried to make them believe they had sinned against the Holy Ghost. With all

their crying and praying it seemed that the enemy would get the best of them, but I am sure this was the trial of Satan and by their continual praying God gave them the victory.

After you have passed through these trials and begin your Christian career the enemy will try to make you overstep your rights along the line of illustrating, driving your points home to the heart, and many times will discourage and try to make you believe you have told an untruth. The many trials that Satan will try you with are too numerous to mention. Thousands of martyrs and real messengers of truth have gone through the cruel mockings of Satan and are victorious and especially many of them who have gone to their long reward.

1 Peter 4:12, 13, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." This proves emphatically that the trying of a Christian's faith is a natural consequence and without these trials it would be impossible to develop character and establish the principles and doctrines in the heart of the Christian conqueror.

The Battle of Individual Character

1 Peter 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

Every man and every woman is engaged day by day in a ceaseless battle to perpetuate moral life. Temptations of every sort surround us. There are siren voices whispering to us that we can relax our energy and still win the goal. If Satan can get us to indulge in anything that is contrary to the Word of God, he will have us confused and cause us to relax and lose the victory. But the promise is always to him that overcometh. Thousands have surrendered and allowed the enemy to sap their victory and realized after it was too late their folly and shame. Much harm has been done by underestimating the importance of the danger involved in the struggle for character.

The environments that surround us now are quite different from those in earlier days. There has come to be a sort of merging of the lines between vice and virtue in the minds of thousands, a fatal blindness of soul, which lulls them to forgetfulness until they awake and find themselves in bondage and, so far as we can see, enslaved forever. We have examples in the Bible of wonderful men and women who became careless and went through shame and dis-

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Notices

This is to notify the churches and clerks of Louisiana that I am appointed state mission treasurer for this year. My new address is Rt. 4, Monroe, La.—J. P. Nolan.

The Church of God at Pikeville, Tenn., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Oscar Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Holland. If not heard from by Jan. 20, their names will be dropped from the roll.—Virgil Higdon, pastor; Vida Simmons, clerk.

To members of the Church of God at Nashville, Ga.: You are requested to meet at the Rowan Tabernacle the second Sunday in January, the 13th, as this day is set apart for quarterly conference and to reestablish the church there. Common excuses will not be expected. If sick you are requested to send in a written testimony.—J. R. Lee, deacon, Gen. Del., Nashville, Ga.; J. A. Hipps, district pastor, 11 6th St. S. E., Moultrie, Ga.

I praise God because I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and have been reinstated in the dear old Church of God. I am very happy since I am back in the church. Two weeks after I was reinstated I came to Valdosta. I started a revival here Oct. 15 and God blessed. Several were saved, eight baptized with the Holy Ghost and thirteen added to the church. I have a young sixteen-year-old girl traveling with me. She belongs to the church. If any of you preachers want us in Georgia or Florida, we will be glad to come. You can get in touch with us at 419 N. Lee St., in care of clerk, Mrs. Minnie Bell, Valdosta, Ga. — In the Master's service, Mrs. Lela Smith.

To whom it may concern: I am at home now. If any one wants me for a revival I can put all my time in the work.—A brother, Albert Teaster, Speedwell, N. C.

Those wishing to write the clerk of the Church of God at Sulphur Springs, Ala., may address Marian Childers, Rt. 1, Blount Springs, Ala., as she has been selected for that position.—W. E. Motes, pastor.

As I am not pastoring this year I am open for calls for revival work anywhere just so it is the Church of God. I will do my best to help your church and prove a blessing to all.—A brother in Christ, Clarence Beagle, 3945 Gould Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

CORRECTION: In the testimony of Mrs. Delta Perdue on B. T. S. Echoes page last week, the statement that she was married at eleven should have read converted at eleven and married at sixteen.

A watch night service was held at the Church of God in Eldorado, Ill. I have held watch night meetings for many years and worked in many different states but this was the best I ever attended. We had class reports, during which the power of God would just sweep the house. Brother D. P. Barnett preached after the reports. Two hundred stayed until after midnight. We are having some great times over here in the Lord. Brother Barnett is with us in a revival and souls are praying thru. Pray for the revival and our broadcast work. The Church of God is on the air each Monday from 3:00 p. m. to 3:45 p. m. over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. We hope the time will soon come when we can have finance to go on the air once each day. Pray for this work.—J. R. Thomas.

This is to certify that Holiness has begun to move in the home and community of the writer. Brother J. C. Conley of Bristol, Tenn., also Sister Eliza Mays, Brother Jesse Burkett, Sister Lois Burkett, and Brother Hermon Leonard of Bristol, Tenn. are the highly esteemed musicians. These are here at work for God. The writer being the young Missionary Baptist preacher who wired the Assembly at Chattanooga for prayer, has been sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, accompanied by singing in same. My wife also received the blessings as well. Praise God for it all, and for greater to follow. Bro. David Leonard of Bristol has just come to work here. I earnestly ask the prayers of every member. Sister Mays requests prayer of the Church of God for the healing of her body, also the writer requests prayer for healing.—Yours in Christ, Frank

Parsons, Toecane, N. C.

To the district overseers in the State of Georgia: Dear brethren and coworkers, it is now time to begin our district conventions. The Assembly has advised that these conventions be planned and the dates announced as early in the year as possible. We have twenty-four districts in the state and if we should hold a convention each week it would take about six months to complete our convention work. Each convention should continue thru the week-end, beginning Friday evening. An interesting program should be arranged by the overseer of each district and the meeting well advertised. Every church should plan to attend the convention in their district as the purpose of the convention is to promote interest and give general instructions concerning the doctrine and work of the church. Let us begin now to plan for a successful convention in each district in the state. We sincerely hope that each district overseer will begin immediately, and notify us about what time they will be ready for their convention so we can arrange our appointments. Remember it will take us about six months to finish this work if we hold a convention each week. I will appreciate very much if the districts in the southern part of the state can have their conventions during the winter months. The bad weather in the northern part of the state during the winter months makes it necessary to wait till warm weather to begin our convention work there; however the date should be set now for conventions next summer.

Brother Latimer has recently informed me that May 17-19 would be the date for our state convention. This date should be kept open by every preacher in the state, as they are required to attend the state convention. Remember May 17-19 inclusive is the date for the Georgia state convention and do not announce revivals or district conventions on that date.—Your brother and companion in service, J. P. Hughes, overseer of Georgia.

To the ministers and churches of Florida: The district conventions will convene as follows — Miami district, January 11-13; Lake Wales district, January 18- (Continued on page 13)



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MEXICAN REDS KILL CATHOLICS IN MEXICO

Reported from Mexico City under date of Dec. 31st by (U.P.)—Red Shirt organization attacked and killed six persons including one woman, after a demonstration of three thousand Catholics at the presidential palace. Fifty-five Red Shirts were held under arrest as a result. It was stated that Secretary of Agriculture, Garrido Canabal,

was the organizer of the Red Shirts, and that one of his employees was stoned to death. In your patience possess ye your souls.

DICTATORSHIP PLOT

Under date of December 29th it was revealed before the House Nazi Committee at Washington "that a sweeping program for an American dictatorship was under way." The organization is said to consist of 500,000 youths backed by a \$700,000,000 fund. According to statements made by Captain Samuel Clazier who testified that Jackson Martindell had told him "that he knew with the present policies of the president eventually the country was coming to a revolution, and when that time came he wanted to be ready with his organization to take over the reins of the government." As a result of these sinister plots and influences it is very evident that stormy waters are ahead for the government of the United States which will involve the liberty and freedom of all American institutions of which the Church is chief.

DISEASE

A preliminary report of vital statistics in Canada for 1933 gives the following figures relative to deadly diseases: Of the heart and arteries 22,434; infants under one year, 16,282; cancer, 10,646; T. B. (all forms), 6,825; pneumonia, 6,484; violent death (including suicide, homicide, drowning, traffic accidents, etc.), 6,196; nephritis, 5,517; influenza 4,023; diarrhoea enteri-

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tis, 3,394; apoplexy, 3,200; appendicitis, 1,455; stomach, 1,389. Report from Washington D. C. shows that heart disease claims the greatest number of lives. Next in order follows cancer, apoplexy, Bright's disease, pneumonia, tuberculosis, infant mortality, influenza, sugar diabetes, and diarrheal disease. "Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live. Who knoweth what a day may bring forth."

IRAQ-HAIFA PIPE LINE

Extending from Kirkuk, the center of the great oilfields, a distance of 1,160 miles and costing approximately, 10,000,000 pounds sterling. These pipe lines start in the border hills of Persia, cross the Tigris and Euphrates via Haditha, thru the Lebanon mountains, while another crosses the desert south of Damascus, descending thru the famous valley of Esdraelon or Armageddon, where many of the Israelites' crucial battles have been fought and where antichrist will stand up against the Lord's anointed. The capacity of these pipe lines is 4,000,000 tons of oil annually or about 28,000,000 barrels.

COMMUNISM ACTIVE IN U. S. A.

As reported by the editor of "Prophecy"—"Government reports show there are more Communists in Los Angeles county at the present time than in Russia at the time when Lenin and Trotzky began their revolution.

Communists are drilling in uniform every Sunday in Tujunga Canyon on leased land. The uniform is blue with a blue overseas cap and a scarlet sickle and hammer over the left breast. As they are not armed they are not breaking the law.

There is in Los Angeles a college for training Communist agitators. The courses include street riots, propaganda work in colleges, propaganda in the Army, Navy and National Guard; propaganda in government relief camps.

The activities are directed by a general staff of trained experts. The Los Angeles section consists of a Secretariat, Central Executive Committee; various departments such as: Agitation and propaganda; trade unions, Negro activities, youth activities (particularly trained to infect the Boy Scouts), woman's activities, defense (in court, etc.), 103 Communist special units for working among the various trades and crafts—steel workers,

needle workers, electricians, etc.

"A recent government report says that the Communists party in this country has grown 300 per cent since our recognition of Russia. While the party is still small it must be remembered that every member is a trained agitator." If these agitators were in Soviet Russia, in rebellion against its government, every last one would be shot. Yet in America they go unhindered and unpunished as though they were not violators of law, even though they are inciting war and revolution. Such is the attitude of Christian America or of Nero's fiddlers while Rome burns.

WRECKS

Statistical reports show there were approximately 36,000 lives lost as a result of auto wrecks in the United States in the year 1934. Previous fatalities were greatly augmented by drunkenness. Such is the devil's parade in honor of John Barleycorn and drunkenness.

PRAYER ROOM

Reports and lists of names still come from some pastors and churches who are desirous of spending one hour per day in prayer for the general success of the Church. Many report great blessings as a result of these prayers in their communities already. Every pastor holds the key to his church community and may either by your assent and co-operation with a movement to increase this prayer hour thru praying members bring success to your community as well as the Church at large or diminish it. A time of much prayer will bring a time of much rain and much rain will bring into the church much spiritual and numeral increase.

QUESTION

Some one has asked that I give an explanation of Prov. 16:33 which reads as follows, "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." The practice of casting lots in ancient times was customary, in which case the lot might have been some manner of stones differing in shape or color being placed into the bosom or fold of the garment, Chap. 6:27; 17:23; 21:14. These were sometimes placed in a vessel or in the fold of a garment and drawn or shaken from thence. The casting of lot is mentioned in Num. 26:55, also in Josh. 18:10; Judges

29:9; 1 Sam. 20:21; Acts 1:24. Such a method was used as a channel through which providence might guide an affair or affairs which seem too hard for man.

In such cases where the human mind could not properly discern the truth of the situation and where a judgment or an opinion must be rendered, it also removed the probability or possibility of human device or trickery in trying to favor himself or others whom he desired to favor and committed the entire affair to chance which in these cases was guided, ruled or overruled by providence. By examining the records and scriptures mentioned above it will be found that this practice was used with great accuracy.

The latter clause of this text charges the Lord with the disposing of the entire matter. In such cases the Jewish nation learned to see the hand of God and the ruling of divine authority. This manner of decision or disposition of guilt or crime of things of religious nature was used by the judges where, after examination, a decision could not be suitably rendered or made available and especially in cases where the evidence was conflicting. It was also used by the apostles in seeking to fill the office of Judas made vacant by his suicide. Such methods were not resorted to in New Testament times after the endowment of the Holy Spirit was given to the apostles or leaders thru and by which they were equipped for service by the divine mind being imparted unto them. But for those peoples who served only in the shadow of those things to come it was necessary that there be some way whereby the Lord might administer in the affairs over which they were not capable of exercising authority. The casting of lots in such a case was one of the provided instruments.

We must learn to see in the casting of lots as we are taught under grace that the disposing of our affairs rests with a higher power. Thus, we should say, If the Lord wills we will do this or that, and has He not promised to bring to light all the hidden things and to manifest them openly? We may be free to decide certain matters either for or against right, but if the matter is to be disposed of for the good of all concerned, then God thru grace must make disposition

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An Open Letter to Sabbath Keepers

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F. W. Lemons

Your next reference is to Rev. 14:12. Presumably the point in question is the mention of the "Commandments of God." We will therefore consider your other references to the "Commandments" and the Sabbath jointly; viz., Rev. 22:12-14; Gen. 2:1, 2; Ex. 20:3-17. In short, you want someone to explain why we do not keep the Sabbath according to the requirements of the Mosaic Law. This question has been thrashed out again and again, and Paul wrote whole books differentiating between the claims of Law and Grace, but nevertheless, we are pleased to make known our position.

First, the Law of Moses; namely, the ten commandments given to Moses on Mt. Sinai, was not given to the Church, but to Israel alone, on the occasion of their deliverance from Egypt. In Jer. 31:31, we are informed that the covenant which is the Law, was made with the Fathers of the House of Israel when "He took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt." (Also Ex. 34:27, and a number of other passages substantiate this assertion.)

The Law concerning the Sabbath was a memorial of that event; "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God:***And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm; therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day." Deut. 5:14-15.

Let us illustrate. Whoever heard of an Englishman keeping the Fourth of July? Up there in Canada that day means no more to your folk than any other day, but to us, here in the United States, the Fourth of July is full of significance. It is the anniversary of our independence, when we threw off the yoke of England, and gained national freedom. Therefore it means much to us; and you it is just another day.

It is obvious therefore that Christians are not required to keep the Jewish Sabbath for the simple reason that it concerned Israel only, and because we have had no literal deliverance from Egypt. We

have had a mighty deliverance, to be sure, but not from Egypt. Our deliverance is from sin. Jesus died to set us free from sin. He gave Himself as a perfect sacrifice on Calvary's cross, and descended into the chambers of death to effect our complete redemption and deliverance. As proof of the Father's acceptance of the propitiatory cross work of His son, He placed His seal of approval upon it by raising Him from the dead, and on the first day of the week presented His resurrected Son as the token that Calvary's bargain had satisfied the claims of offended justice. From that glorious morning the Christians have been gathering on the first day of the week in commemoration of their emancipation from sin. It is true that Jesus died on Friday to pay the debt, but it was not until the first day of the week that the news came of His victory in the conflict.

In regard to your questions concerning the keeping of the commandments, it would be a good idea to ascertain which commandments are referred to. It is the contention of the Adventists that the commandments of the Law are the ones in question, which is not true. The Bible distinctly speaks of two sets of commandments—the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. It is well known that Jesus gave some commandments when He was here, not embodied in the original decalogue. For example, "Ye must be born again," and "Ye have heard it said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That, whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment, and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the Council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." (Matt. 5:21-22.) Notice this, "But I say unto you." We certainly cannot get by the commandments of Jesus. What shall we do about both covenants? The Adventist says, "Keep both," and lays more stress on the Law of Moses than the Law of Christ. They are not emphasizing the born-again

experience, but setting it aside, giving preference to the Law of Moses. Let the Bible settle this score.

Speaking concerning the Law and those that desired to be under the Law, after Jesus came, Paul illustrates the predicament in Rom. 7, thus: "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if while her husband liveth she be married to another, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." This is Paul's picture of those professing Christians who held to the Law—adulteresses, with two lovers; affections divided between Christ and Moses. And here is where Paul drew the line; they were either Christians free from the law, or else Law keepers and Judaizers, free from the Law of Christ and Grace. Law keepers therefore are not Christians.

Having established the promise that we cannot hold to both covenants, it will be an easy matter to see which one is now in vogue. The following passages will enlighten us.

With reference to the two covenants, "He taketh away the first that he may establish the second." Heb. 10:9.

"For if the first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second, For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah." Heb. 8:7,8.

"In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." Heb. 8:13.

The Epistle of Galatians is a treatise on this subject. Observe a few quotations therefrom: "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?" Gal. 3:2. Where is the person that can testify to salvation through the works of the Law? We have seen

hundreds receive the Spirit as a result of hearing and obeying the gospel, but have never heard of one case of a conversion to Christ through the keeping of the Law. One young man met the Lord and said he had kept all the commandments from his youth. Jesus did not contradict him, but said, "One thing yet thou lackest." The terms of salvation are faith and repentance—not adhering to the Law.

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster, to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Ch. 3:24. The Law served its purpose, gave us the knowledge of sin and guilt, and prepared the way for the advent of the Savior.

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Gal. 5:4. No one can measure up to the Christian standard, while clinging to the Law.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Ch. 5:1. The yoke of bondage was the law, "a yoke which," says Peter "neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." Acts 15:10.

Jesus said He came to fulfill the Law, which means to complete. That is exactly what He did.

"Love," says Paul, "is the fulfilling of the law," which means the love of God in the heart of man inspires him to all the works of righteousness. The new heart given to believers has written upon it the law of Christ, so that Christians love to do their Savior's will.

"The law was the shadow of good things to come." Jesus was the person who cast the shadow. When He came a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him!" Because they love Him the church is listening to Him, His commandments, and "are not under the law, but under grace." Rom. 6:14.

So the Lord does not require us to keep the commandments of Moses or the decalogue in order to be accepted of Him, and the promise of the Holy Ghost is to them that "obey Him"—the Lord Jesus Christ. The special commandment to those who would receive the Spirit is, first, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and repent. (Acts 2:38).

Space will not permit a more detailed explanation of this subject, but may the Holy Spirit enlighten every one who may be in doubt about this subject, and help them to turn to Jesus and Him alone.

selves to me thus, "I surely would like for certain parties to conduct a revival, but their mode of worldly dressing would hurt their influence among the people." Here we need to add the weight of admonition given in 1 Tim. 2:9, 10, "In like manner, also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." We may pray, preach, testify, and sing,unctionized by the Holy Ghost, but if we allow ourselves to be unevenly balanced on this line, it will hurt our influence.

Failure to bridle the unruly member, the tongue. I have heard some workers ably deliver the Word of God and step out of the pulpit and kill their message with their tongue. Beloved, this ought not to be so.

Familiarity with the opposite sex. Having been reared in the fair south land, I can truthfully say in the time I spent there up until sixteen years ago there was a vast contrast on this line between the southern and northern people. Possibly it is not so now since the spirits of the last days are prevalent in the land. Oh how we need to guard our influence along this line. Tho our hearts and minds are pure, our influence can be sadly blighted.

In 2 Peter 1:5-8 we find seven graces which should adorn our Christian life, which Peter says if they be in us and abound that they will make us that we will neither be barren nor unfruitful. In these are embodied the essence of the manifold qualifications of a well balanced Christian character. These are to be personally added and practised, thus portraying to the world a practical Christian life.

If we are lacking in our spiritual weight, let's go into the new year with the resolution that we will endeavor to so live that when we come before God these words may not pierce our ears, "Thou art weighed in the balance and are found wanting."

STATE CONVENTIONS

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION

May 17-19 inclusive

J. P. HUGHES, Overseer

Spiritual Inventory

Mrs. H. W. Poteat

Text, Dan. 5:27, "TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

As we approached the end of the old year and began the new, when men of the world who possess big and little enterprises take stock, thus assuring themselves of their financial standing, we were persuaded to believe that in the face of cold facts relative to the condition of the times which plainly indicates the soon coming of Jesus, that we as individual followers of the Lord the Righteous Judge, should prayerfully examine ourselves and see whether we still be in the faith or not. How necessary it is for us to evenly tip the scales of God's righteous judgment. How easy it is to add to our lives something which God's Word condemns, perhaps unwittingly but none the less detrimental to our Christian life. On the other hand, thru the

lack of prayer and spiritual zeal, we omit some things which tend to our Christian development.

In Heb. 12 Paul says, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." If, after taking inventory, we find some weight in our Christian experience, which is causing us to be unevenly balanced, let's lay it aside and, forgetting the things which are behind, reach forth unto those things which are before and go thru this new year on an evenly balanced scale. How important it is that those who are called out to do service for God be so evenly balanced and in line with God's Word that the ministry be not blamed.

Just a few things which no doubt we have all observed. **Conformity to the world in dress.** I have had people express them-

Let's Respond To The Call

Dear Evangel Readers:

As I was meditating on the goodness of God and His great love for this lost world, I felt impressed to write a few lines to the Evangel. I will write a few words concerning the hour of prayer that Brother Clark has been asking for volunteers for. Surely God has directed this and I feel that every member of the Church of God should respond to this call, for dear ones, the nearer we reach the end, the greater is our need of prayer. I know this has been a great blessing to me. I imagine as I begin to call on God in behalf of our officials and ministers and people over our land, that I can see that great multitude of God's people praying for me too. I feel sure if we all respond to this call and really pray, that we will see greater things accomplished for God and His Church than we have ever seen before.

This is so small to ask, just one hour a day, for this great cause that we love so well, and I wonder what answer we could give to God if we fail to do this. We can find time for everything else in this world, so let us find more time for God and not only will the Church be benefited, but we will find ourselves growing stronger and more able to stand against the enemy of our soul if we keep in close touch with God.

Somehow the thought of this just encourages my soul. Every one of us is in need of prayer and wouldn't it be wonderful to know that there were TEN THOUSAND saints praying for you? You dear ones that the enemy is pressing so hard, that you find it is hard to overcome, wouldn't it encourage you to know that TEN THOUSAND saints of God were praying for God to help you to overcome? And the ministers all over our land out fighting against sin and the devil, many in hard places, fighting against the powers of darkness and when there seems to be no way, financially, wouldn't it encourage you and give you greater zeal to work harder and do more for God if you knew that TEN THOUSAND of God's people were praying every day for Him to help you, give you souls and supply

your needs? Don't you believe that God would hear these prayers and undertake for you?

You precious people all over our land that are suffering in your bodies, many have been afflicted for years, some perhaps that have not been able to go to the house of God for a long time. Probably the enemy has made you believe you could never be healed. Don't you believe that it would increase your faith and help you to get a hold of God to know that TEN THOUSAND brothers and sisters were calling on God in your behalf and for your healing? Dear ones, just to think of this should strengthen our faith until we would be able to

rise from our beds of affliction and from invalid chairs and go in Jesus' name. Thank the good Lord. I can feel the glory in my soul when I think about it. So let us as people of God, respond to this call, put our shoulder to the wheel and do our best to make this the greatest year yet for the Church of God. God is expecting our best for Him. Let us not fail Him who has done so much for us. We find that Jesus our example, spent whole nights in prayer so let us do our best, and remember, while some one is praying for us they are depending on us to pray for them too. May God help each of us as we pray to become more yielded to God and fill our intended place in the service of the Lord.

—Mrs. D. G. Phillips.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

SURELY THIS WILL BE A GREAT YEAR

We have just closed a good revival at Kannapolis, N. C. with large attendance, forty saved, about twelve sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. The church seems to be getting along fine and we have started off the new year's work encouraged. We feel like this is going to be a great year. The house is filled and we are having to bring up the Sunday School benches to use in the main auditorium. We have had to turn away a number who had no place to sit, but we are hoping in the near future to enlarge our church so as to accommodate the folks who want to come.—H. L. Whittington, pastor.

REPORT OF MINISTERS' MEETING

The ministers' meeting for Central and Southern Florida convened at Lake Wales, Nov. 30 with Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, in charge. By 9:30, the hour for opening the meeting, many of the ministers were there, greeting each other and wearing a cheerful smile that spoke out gladness for this occasion. Unity and fellowship prevailed. The power of the Holy Ghost came down in the song service and we were

made to rejoice together, as the Lord set His seal on the service. Then we were given a hearty welcome by the pastor, Brother L. R. Alderman, a little man but a big welcome. A few minutes were given for each speaker on the following subjects: Sunday School, the writer; Y. P. E., Brother James A. Cross; Orphanage, Brother R. E. Drymon; Bible School, Brother B. L. Hicks; Missions, Brother George Lemons; Evangel, Brother L. R. Alderman; Co-operation, Brother J. A. Self. Each speaker stressed the need of each department being kept up to make the work successful, "Loyalty" being the slogan.

We were glad to have Brother Latimer with us in this meeting. He spoke to us just before the noon hour, directing his message to the ministry, as there were fifty-six ministers present. He gave some timely advice, which is needed in this day in which we live. We never forget Brother Latimer in his good heart to heart messages seasoned with tears. Dinner was spread at the church and there was plenty to eat.

The business session of the meeting was carried on in a good spirit, the state overseer moderating in his usual good way. This meeting was well attended and was a blessing to the ministers and laity as

well. We always look forward to the ministers' meeting to get things lined up for our year's work. Then every man to his field of labor with faith and courage to carry through! Let us be 100 per cent on the honor roll at camp meeting. Come on, pastors, with "Loyalty" our slogan.

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NEW WORK AT CRICHTON, ALABAMA

CRICHTON, Ala.—I praise the Lord for victory and the way He has blessed here in Crichton, Ala. We came here the last of August and couldn't get any place to hold a meeting except an old tabernacle so we accepted that and began to raise the standard of the true Gospel. The Lord blessed from the very first service. We ran the revival about three weeks. Forty-four were wonderfully baptized with heaven's Holy Ghost. All went well until we mentioned the Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth and the people who had the building in charge taught you were born into the church and did not believe in joining or being added to the church. We closed the meeting and went to the ministers' meeting at Pratt City, Ala. with the intention of going somewhere else but God laid it on our hearts to come back to Crichton. We were fortunate enough to get a building so we opened fire on the old enemy again and the Lord blessed. Now we have a church set in order with thirty-one good members and God is still blessing. We are looking for greater things to be done. We had Brother L. G. Rouse with us nearly three weeks. Many were healed while he was here. We ask that every child of God who reads this pray that God will help us get a church building. We have a place rented but that's not like one of our own. We also have a good Sunday School and people are interested.—Humbly, Earl Brewer and wife.

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LOGAN, Ill.—I thank God for what He is to me and for the dear Church of God. I thank Him for what He is doing for us here at Logan. We had a two weeks' revival with Sister King doing the preaching. Twelve were saved, ten sanctified and ten filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. We had some wonderful healings for which we praise the dear Lord. Pray for us.—James Burns.

EDITORIALS

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of it. There are two great pillars upon which life rests and the af-

fairs which are contingent thereto. The one of these is God and the other man's responsibilities concerning the duties of life.

Should Preachers Who Do Not Have The Holy Ghost Pastor Churches

E. C. CLARK, Editor

We almost hesitate in expressing our opinion concerning this matter, however, deeming it one of importance and concerning which several questions have been asked, I feel it very necessary to say something at this time. The General Assembly has ruled that only licensed or ordained ministers may pastor churches. However, the question would naturally arise, Is this simply a man-made ruling, or will the Scriptures bear out and support such a decision?

Bishop

When we turn to the Scriptures we find that the bishop was properly the pastor with the deacon as his assistant. The bishop was required to be vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, and apt to teach. Since upon the Holy Spirit depends the revelation of divine grace and it is particularly its office to lead in the way of all truth and show us things to come and to receive of Christ the things that be of Christ and show them unto us, it is incidentally necessary that the bishop should have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, John 14:22. If he does not have such a baptism he could not be an apt spiritual teacher, and since in a measure the fruits of the Spirit would necessarily be absent in his life, he could hardly be as vigilant, sober, or of the same behavior or essential hospitality as would those who have received the Holy Spirit as an endowment for service.

Deacon

The deacon was required to hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. If there be a mystery surrounding the ministry of Christ, and if there be a hidden faith not plainly in view to all, and if the scriptures are found to be a product of the Holy Spirit and are inspired as we believe them to be, the deacon could not hold such ministry and mystery of faith at its par value without the endowment of the Holy Spirit for service. It remains therefore that in

the light of the scripture only those who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit thru which alone is imparted gifts or enablements for divine service, are eligible for these positions.

Unfortunate

It is, however, unfortunate in some cases as there are men who have been preaching without the baptism of the Holy Ghost and whose ministry is in some sense fruitful, but not in the full Pentecostal light. It has in some exceptional cases been found necessary to allow ministers who have not received the Holy Ghost to serve as temporary pastors, however, I wish to state that where such has been permitted that it has been done so by the authority or permission of the state or district overseers alone, which is in violation of the rulings of the General Assembly itself, and with due respect to all concerned, permit me to further add my own personal opinion, that where such violations are permitted by overseers that the apostasy has not only begun in such cases but has the official stamp of the ministry placed upon it by those who sanction or give permission for men who do not have the Baptism to pastor churches. It is required of the husbandman that he be first a partaker of the fruits which is essentially necessary in this case to produce not only the bloom but fruits of Pentecost.

The Usual Complaint

But the usual complaint of those ministers who have not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost or those who desire to have them preach is that they have been called to preach. The call to preach the Gospel is not enough. By examination of the Scriptures it will be found that the apostles were also called and were sent to preach before they were baptized with the Holy Spirit, Matt. 10:1; Luke 10:1. The call was permanent, the commission under such circumstance was only temporary. They minis-

tered alone in the name of Jesus and upon His authority, but after His resurrection these same apostles were commanded to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high, Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8.

To the ministers or individual who has a divine call for service, it is not so much that they must preach as it is to do a particular kind of preaching, therefore the most needful thing in such an individual's life and incident to the high or heavenly calling is that he be baptized with power from on high. In this way and this alone can a general apostasy be prevented. If you desire to take issues with me in this matter I might state, that in every case where a minister does not have the baptism and desires to preach he usually points to some one else who has been allowed temporary ministerial privileges and insists that he be granted these same privileges. The same is true of members of a local church, they always point to some other irregularity as a reason for why another should be permitted. If such practices were allowed to continue it would eventually result in a multiplied number of such ministries throughout the Church at large. It has been well said that no stream can flow above its fountainhead. When churches are turned over to those who do not have the Baptism to officiate as pastors, the spiritual life of that church, regardless of how faithful some of its members are and how determined they are to have success, will sooner or later begin to decline, to the sadness and regret of those who are gravely concerned.

Such a declension can only be prevented by men who minister unto or pastor churches coming to the divine requirement before they embark upon such a serious undertaking and responsibility. It is not enough to simply preach the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the minister is the vessel thru which God has chosen to manifest the gifts of the Holy Spirit, not that they are limited alone to him, but that he is chosen as first witness of such gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit. He stands in the doorway by whom the laity must pass into deeper spiritual life. Therefore, the apparent need of the Holy Spirit is rendered more necessary by those duties that devolve upon

the minister or pastor.

Of those men who later became the Ephesian elders, the Apostle Paul asked this question, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? He knew it was a divine requirement and was in harmony with the commandment of our Lord to tarry for an enduement or service and the fulfillment of New Testament and apostolic promises,

Acts 2:39. We are always in harmony with divine purpose when we insist upon compliance with the divine principle or pattern. We are never justified in lowering our standards but always insisting that they be lifted. Trusting God to bless all who are concerned and to lead those ministers who are at present so situated as those to which this article has reference, I am faithfully.

The Overcoming Saints

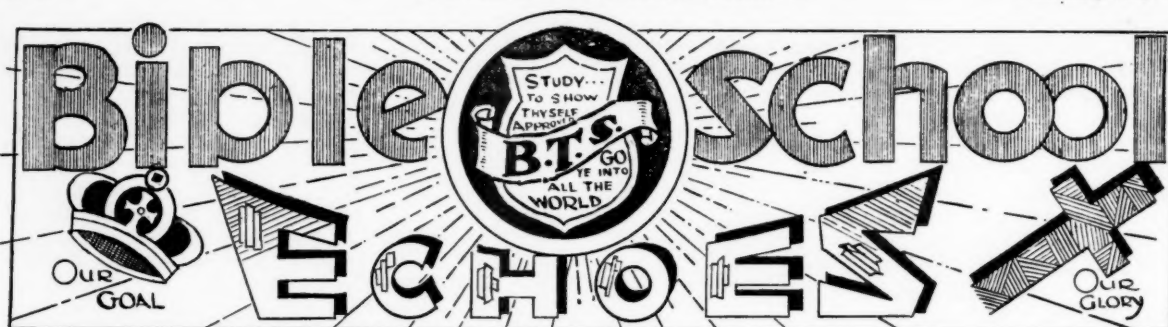
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grace and heartbreaking sorrows. God came to their rescue and brought them out more than conquerors, but not until they had paid for their folly. We have in mind a man just now who was once a power for God but little by little Satan decoyed him away until he was finally overtaken and today he is struggling for victory, has left the church and is trying to redeem himself without making an open confession and going the way of repentance. I am sure he will make a failure at this. The only thing to do to be an overcomer is to make a clean confession. This brings to my mind a story I read concerning a very wealthy hunter who visited the jungles of Africa. Possibly many of you have read this story. Getting acquainted with the natives, they went for a hunt early one morning. A bunch of antelopes dashed from the thicket whereupon the hunter fired his gun without affect. A huge lion made its appearance. The natives ran away. The hunter was not accustomed to lions and thought he would stand his ground but he realized that he was in the clutches of a huge lion and all aid had fled and forsaken him. He attempted to load his gun but saw the lion would spring upon him. He had heard the natives speak of dropping on the ground when being attacked. He dropped his gun and fell on the ground. The lion crouched in front of him. Every time he would move the lion would move as though he would spring upon him. He soon realized that the lion did not intend to spring upon him and he lay perfectly still. The truth about the business was the lion had made his breakfast on an antelope and was saving his prey for his breakfast next morning. He did not even

roar in response to his mates that could be heard in the distance. He did not wish to divide his dainty meal with his mates. Every time the hunter would move the lion would rise with fierce growling. He lay all day in the hot sun suffering intense agony expecting every moment to be devoured. Night came on and no rescue. The natives were acquainted with lions and they knew the lion would not destroy the man until daybreak next morning. After the darkness came the hunter noticed that the lion would stand up and growl and seem restless. Of course this intensified his fear, but the natives were seeking an opportunity to rescue him. All at once they rushed from the forest with balls of fire. They frightened the lion away for they knew that lions were afraid of fire. They holloed to the hunter to load his gun quickly for they knew the lion would soon return. The hunter loaded his gun as quickly as possible, sprang to his feet just in time to take deadly aim on the lion, and slew him.

The Bible tells us that the devil as a roaring lion is going about seeking whom he may devour. Such trials have been known to turn the blackest head to silver in one night. The hunter gave his experience after he was delivered of the agony and pain which he suffered while under the charm of this lion. Thousands of people are tempted for days, weeks, and years, under the most severe trials. It seems strange that help for them does not come, but the Lord knows how to deliver them if they will be patient and faithful. It takes the fire of God's love to drive the enemy away. This is one of the greatest reasons for fellowship

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B. T. S. MISSION NEWS

Holidays are over and we students are back in school taking examinations for the second six weeks (first semester). We are going to resume our mission work with great anticipation of more success. Some of the young preachers left not to return but we know their prayers will be ascending to the throne in behalf of our work. We certainly appreciated their work while in school. May God's blessings be with them in their labors.

We cannot give a report for last Saturday as we went home for Christmas but we will give a report for the Saturday before.

Dalton-Ringgold, Ga.—This party consisted of Brothers Childers, Cutts, T. C. Franklin, Brother and Sister Hathcock, and Sister Sher, one of the teachers in school. They had services in both Ringgold and Dalton Saturday afternoon, with good interest. Brother T. P. Green, pastor at Dalton, preached at Ringgold and a number came to the altar. Sunday they were in Dalton at the church for services. After Sunday School Brother T. C. Franklin preached, using "Acquaintance with God" as his subject. Sunday night Brother Albert Childers spoke to the young people with some talks by others of the party. Brother Albert is to go back and organize a Y. P. E. later. Brother J. L. Hathcock preached after young people's service and eight or nine were saved, three sanctified, and some received the Holy Ghost. Thank God for this great service. I am sure these men and women had a good time on the week-end.

Benton.—There was service in the courthouse with the Pioneer Quartet rendering special music, also Brother Harry Hatcher rendered special music with his guitar. Brother G. G. Patton spoke.

Cleveland.—Services were conducted by Brother Bruce McLendon

in the absence of Brother Archie McWilliams who has left school. Brother George Blankenship was speaker. There was good interest. We certainly hope and pray Brother McWilliams can be back in these services soon.—B. T. S. news reporter, Woodrow C. Byrd.

HAVEN'T WORDS TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE

This morning my heart is overjoyed because of the many blessings God has so wonderfully bestowed upon me. I feel very unworthy of these rich blessings, but very thankful indeed to God. I realize it is the hand of God that has assisted me in coming to Bible School and that God has a place for me to fill. I do want to be at my post of duty.

It is wonderful to be in a place where one can feel the heavenly atmosphere as we feel it here in school. We have a chain of prayer going from 5:30 a. m. until 9:30 p. m. every day. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" This is a wonderful thought indeed, and very true. Prayer is the keynote to success and here we have the opportunity of kneeling before God and praying before each class of study during the day, and how God comes down and blesses us; I haven't words to express my gratitude to God for His miraculous power and great love that has been extended to us all. I pray that every one will get a greater zeal for the dear Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless all is my prayer.—A B. T. S. student, Geneva Prevo.

HAD A DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND THE WORD

I praise God for the privilege of attending Bible School and studying His Word. I have always had a burning desire since being saved, to understand His Word. Bible

School has helped me so much in many different ways. As to its environment, I wish every reader could be here and hear the prayers ringing out from some in the building as I pen these few lines of praise to my Creator and Savior. I am sure you would be convinced that we students have something to praise Him for. There is a heavenly atmosphere here that makes me homesick for heaven.

I attribute my being here to God answering prayer, so thank God for Bible School and prayer.—Woodrow Byrd, E. Chattanooga, Tenn.

THIS, THE GREATEST YEAR OF MY LIFE

I can say that this has been one of the greatest years of my life. Bible School grows dearer each day and I now begin to know how to appreciate it. I enjoy attending the school because it stands four-square for the Word of God rightly divided. I enjoy studying the Word because it has meant the saving of my soul and even in dark hours of distress I can thank God for complete victory because I read in His Word and receive instructions. Then there is the Comforter that Jesus promised, even the Holy Ghost, abiding and He guides me daily.

I desire that every one who reads this testimony join us in prayer that our needs may be supplied and that God will continue to bless.—A student, Bruce McLendon, Laurinburg, N. C.

PRAYER ANSWERED

LITHIA, Fla.—I thank the Lord for answering prayer. I sent to the Assembly for prayer for my side and back and thank the Lord it is not bothering me now. Pray that I may have more faith and that I can raise my children to serve the Lord.—Mrs. Marvin Jones.

REQUESTS

Pray much for the revival here. Sisters Eva Bethany and Sue McDaniel are in charge. Pray that souls will be saved.—C. E. Richard, Carbon Hill, Ala.

My eyes are weak but I have made up my mind to trust in God. Pray that He will heal them and that He will have His way with me.—Your sister, Miss Louise Harris.

Dear brothers and sisters, please pray that the Lord might heal my body as I have had the flu and it has left my head in a bad shape.—Your sister under the blood, Martha Skeens, Henlawson, W. Va.

Saints everywhere, please pray for me as I have a very urgent request. God knows all about this and I know He is able to make a move. Please do pray that He will in some way undertake and deliver me out of this distress.—One who needs prayer.

Dear brothers and sisters, pray for my brothers and sisters to get salvation. Pray especially for one brother who strongly opposes the way. Also pray for my boy.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Paul Franklin, Rt. 2, Clarksville, Ga.

I am twenty-six years old and have been sick eight years. At the age of seventeen I had an operation and never did get over it. In about two weeks after the operation I began to get nervous and kept getting worse. I have been almost helpless for four years and have been in bed eighteen months. I have had thirteen different doctors and none of them seem to know what is wrong with me. I don't believe they can do me any good and I thank God there is One who can heal all diseases. Jesus saved my soul on June 12, 1930. I never will forget it. I am thankful that my mother, brother and sister have found the Lord also. Many prayers have been prayed for me but somehow it seems I cannot get victory. I am sick in body but have joy in my soul. I am thankful for all the friends who encourage me. I have two brothers, one sister, and my daddy who are not saved. I would like for every Christian to pray for them. Pray for us, that I might get the Holy Ghost and be a worker for Jesus. I would be glad to hear from those who care to write. —

Your sister in the Lord, Miss Viola Ramsey, West Side Station, Hamilton, Ohio.

I praise the Lord for salvation but I do want to get closer to Jesus. There is no Church of God in Battle Creek and I am the only one here, as far as I know, who belongs to the Church but there are honest hearts here who I believe would come in the Church of God if they had a chance. Help me pray that God will send some one here to get a church started. Pray for me that I may do God's will. Some one please come and help me in Battle Creek, Mich. If any of my friends or sisters want to write me, I will be glad to hear from them.—Nellie Phillips, 175 W. Fountain St., Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for one of my brothers who is in sin and drinks. It seems he has gone as far as he can without God. Please get Him on your heart and pray God to send His power to loose the chains that have him bound. He knows holiness is right. Pray for us few workers at this little place.—A sister in Christ, Frostproof, Fla.

Dear Evangel readers, pray for the State of Louisiana, especially for Shreveport, that we will get a Church of God established here. Brother R. E. Blackwood, our state overseer, and two of his nephews have given us a visit. We had a blessed time in the Lord and enjoyed their stay. We extend them a welcome back. Saints, let us be loyal and do our part, pray and live up to the teachings of the Church of God and we will go over the top with everything we undertake for Jesus.—A sister in the Church, Mrs. W. F. Sims, 1717 Missouri Ave., Shreveport, La.

I see in the paper where some are praying one hour daily for the success of the church and those who are in need and I ask that you pray for the poor, weak saints at this place, that the Lord will bless us with a preacher for the new year, one that is standing four-square, filled with the Holy Ghost and standing for the right. Pray for me to stand in God's will.—A sister in Christ, Nettie Daniels, Rt. 1, Box 23, Eupora, Miss.

Pray for my two brothers who

are sanctified, that they may receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray that God will deal with the hearts of the unsaved in my home. Please pray for my mother. She has lots to endure and doesn't know God in His fulness. There are many things on my heart this morning to pray for but God knows all about them. Pray for me to be faithful and be a light to some lost soul. I would be glad to hear from any acquaintance who sees this.—Yours in the battle, Maggie Scruggs, Dalton, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for the healing of my husband. He has typhoid fever. He has been saved and sanctified but is not strong in the Lord. Pray that God will strengthen him and give him the precious Holy Ghost. Pray for me and that God will protect the rest of the family from the fever.—Your sister in Christ, Louise Cheek, Swainsboro, Ga.

Mr. T. N. McCrogroy asks that you pray for a cancer on his leg to be healed. He has suffered with it for thirty-five years. He also says he is a great sinner and desires to be saved and asks that you pray conviction on him, that he may confess his sins and be healed and soundly saved from a life of sin.—Your humble brothers, J. A. Tant and John Strickland, Rt. 1, Baileytown, Ala.

Please pray a special prayer that God will heal my body. I have enlarged tonsils and am trusting God to heal me. Also pray for my mother who has ulcers of the stomach. Pray for the unsaved in our home.—A sister, Mrs. Gladys Woodring, Lowe, W. Va.

We are in a revival at Ft. White, Fla. with Brother Bun E. Hicks doing the preaching. The revival began Dec. 29. God is blessing in each service. After Brother Hicks closes out we are expecting Sisters Pauline Jackson and Myrtle Whitehead to come and continue the revival. Please pray for the success of this meeting, that God will save, sanctify and baptize souls with the Holy Ghost.—Paul Taylor, pastor.

My children have had sores on their heads and I have been asking the Lord to heal them. They are better but I want every child of God to pray a special prayer for

their complete healing. I would be glad to get encouraging letters. Pray for me.—A sister, Mrs. Iowa Cronon, Ranger, Ga.

Dear saints everywhere, please offer up the effectual, fervent prayer for my three-year old son, David, whose eyes are very weak since having pink eyes and measles last fall, then recently he has been sick with the flu. We are trusting God for his healing. — George M. Bates and wife, Gen Del., Center-ville, Iowa.

Dear saints, I ask all who read this to pray earnestly that God will heal my body, also give me the precious Holy Ghost. I know God is able to do the work and my desire is to work for Jesus. We have no Church of God preacher here and we want one, so pray that God will send us one. God will answer prayer if you will only pray hard enough. If ever I needed your prayers it is now.—Bessie Hamilton, Spring Lake, Fla.

We are beginning a revival at

LaFrance, S. C. with Brother Levy Miller in charge. We covet the prayers of the Evangel family that God will give us many souls in this revival and give us a church building in which to worship.—Yours under the blood, T. V. McCormick, pastor.

Please pray for my backslidden husband to be saved and return home.—A brokenhearted sister, Mrs. G. E. Flowers, Landis, N. C.

Pray for our church at Mure House, Alexandria P. O., St. Anns, Jamaica. We are having a very, very hard struggle against the enemy. Also pray for our pastor, M. Archer, for he is truly a faithful man of God.—Philip N. Sims, clerk.

Dear readers, I am in a real battle for the Church at DeLand, Fla. Please pray for me. I am expecting to set a church in order before I leave. There has been almost everything here except the real Church of God so pray that we may have one here.—Your brother, L. P. Shaw.

ing powers of Satan if we are victorious. We may not have the courage and opportunity that Joseph had to run away from his trial and be put in prison, which proved to be a wall of protection for him. Other characters in the Bible are too numerous to mention. Daniel was tried to the limit but he prayed until God brought him out more than conqueror. It is when we become discouraged and sit down to brood over our failures that the lion of hell gets hold of us. It is only in the strength of Samson and David that we will be able to slay the lion and turn our footsteps toward the testimonies of the Lord. If the lion of trial is growling and glaring over you, remember God has delivered thousands and He will also deliver you if you will fully trust in Him.

We think of the young prophet who went to Jeroboam in Bethel. What a victory he gained that day in healing the withered hand of the king, doing many things in the name of the Lord! God warned him to go back another way, not even to eat bread in that place. He left with victory and no doubt also complimented himself of power to achieve great things, but an old prophet sent a servant and stopped him, persuaded him to turn back and disobey God. After he had disobeyed God in dining with the old prophet, he started on his way home but he was lost, blinded, and the lion slew him. What a sad fate! It almost scares me when I think about these things. There is only one safe place for us in these days of trial and temptation and that is on our knees with our Bible in our hand, doing the will of God. There are so many things to lead people aside today, the moving picture show and worldly gatherings. I am afraid the holiness people are giving too much time to entertainment and ritualism in place of praying and exercising love and faith and staying in the simple paths of duty rather than influencing the world by their accomplishments and great ability to do things. Finally let us learn the impressive picture of the hunter. Be sure that you understand how to fight and conquer the enemy. Remember that the lions of destruction are hunting for you and you must have God on your side. The enemy always knows when we are unarmed by prayer and obedience

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and Christian love, that we may pray one for another and help each other when severely tried.

The devil is also like the serpent. He is spoken of as a serpent. In this same book I read the story of a preacher riding through the forest who noticed a squirrel that seemed to be perfectly still on a tree. He had heard that serpents would charm birds and squirrels. After passing by he decided to ride back and see. The squirrel was still sitting on the tree unmoved. He decided to ride around on an old road that had been made by the falling of a tree across the thoroughfare. His horse leaped into the air. Looking down he saw a large rattlesnake stretched out full length. He dismounted, struck the snake and wounded it. Leaving the snake he went to the squirrel. The squirrel had fallen off the tree still stupefied. He went back and killed the snake, picked up the squirrel and noticed that it was gasping its last breath. In a few minutes it died. Now Satan can

charm thousands of people until they have lost all their spiritual life, and only for the intervention of some one in prayer to rescue them they would lose out completely.

I also read the story of a friend who gave his experience. He said that he was so tried it seemed he could not break the clutch of Satan. He made a confidant of one of his bosom friends and they prayed together, often praying all night; and for two long years Satan severely tried him. He kept up his work and kept praying with apparently no victory over the awful trial. At the end of two years, with the loss of many of his friends and those who knew him, he gained the victory and the last account we had of him he was a happy Christian. He often told his experience that melted thousands to tears and caused men and women to make new resolutions and be overcomers in the Lord.

It seems strange that these fiery trials will try us but when we are tried, if we will be true, God will bring us out more than conquerors. He will finally run the lion away that has held us spellbound, and break the spell of the snake and give us victory, but we will have to put up a fight against the work-

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20; Ft. Myers district, January 25-27; Tampa district, February 8-10; Lake Worth district, February 15-17; Manatee district, February 22-24; Lakeland district, March 1-3; Orlando district, March 15-17; Linden district, March 22-24; Williston district, March 29-31; Jacksonville district, April 5-7; Jasper district, April 19-21; Branford district, April 26-28; Perry district, May 3-5; Pensacola district, to be announced later.

We are looking forward to some of the best conventions that we have ever had. I hope each minister and member will take a special interest and attend these conventions, especially the one in your respective district. You will receive soul food and other blessings that you will need to help you stand in these last days. We hope to have some good programs arranged with old time Gospel preaching and singing and other things that you can appreciate. The Lord has been putting His seal on this work in the past, and I am sure with the co-operation and prayers of each one, He will not disappoint us this time. We insist that each pastor be present with a good report. Arrange your revival work so that you will not have a meeting in progress at the time of the convention in your district.

We are receiving some good reports. The Lord is blessing in many places. May we pray earnestly that God will bless in a special way in the district meetings. With best wishes for the success of the work. I am sincerely yours, E. W. Williams, overseer of Florida.

This is to notify the people in my territory that the Mobridge district convention convenes at Mobridge, S. Dak., in the Church of God, January the 26th and 27th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. To add real coloring to this convention several carloads of Bible students with the faculty of the school from Lemmon, will be there. We are looking for a real time in the Lord. Special music, singing, and preaching by able speakers. Prof. Ovel Denson and Prof. Charles Grifard of the Northwest Church of God B. T. S. will have charge of the music. Do not miss this great feast. For information regarding your entertainment while there, write or see David C. Boatwright.

Mobridge, S. Dak.—Your brother in Christ, Paul H. Walker.

The Ft. Myers district convention will convene at Ft. Myers, Fla. Jan. 11-13. Pastors, see that your church is represented at this convention with a splendid delegation, and pray much for it that it will be a great feast of good things in every respect. Dinner will be spread Sunday at the tabernacle so bring a filled basket. Brother E. W. Williams our state overseer, will be in charge, and other ministers are invited.—P. W. Chessner, district pastor.

I will be open for revivals in a few days. Any one wanting a revival write me at 61 Stewart Ave., Schoolfield, Va.—D. H. Robinson, evangelist.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Brothers Linzy Cathey, Wade Carroll and Sister Lola Witherford. If not heard from by next conference their names will be dropped from the roll of the Church of God at Andrews, N. C. — A. J. Murray, pastor, Bertha Nichols, clerk, Andrews, N. C.

There will be a Church of God ministers' meeting held Saturday night and all day Sunday, Jan. 19th and 20th, at Verda, Ky. We are expecting all the ministers in the Harlan district to attend. Bro. J. C. Jernigan, our state overseer, will be with us. Ministers, leave your regular services and attend. We expect the Lynch Quartet to be present to render special songs. Everybody welcome. Come one and all. Let us learn of God's Word, get better acquainted, and enjoy a great feast from God.—Yours in Christ, S. B. McCane, district overseer, Harlan district.

DEATH NOTICES

WHITE

Little Katherine White, three and a half year old daughter of Brother and Sister T. M. White of Hobbs, N. Mex., died Oct. 20, 1934.—Her mother.

DUNAWAY

William Dunaway died Oct. 15, 1934, at the age of eighty-three years. He received the Holy Ghost seventeen years ago and was loved by the church and all who knew

him. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, W. F. Sharp, Morgantown, Miss., and interment made in the Mt. Sinai cemetery.

HORTON

Allie Horton, wife of Will Horton, West Nashville, Tenn., died Dec. 7, 1934, at the age of thirty-seven years. She left a testimony that she was ready to go. The funeral was conducted in the home.—Her cousin, Mrs. Anna White, Naylor, Mo.

SMITH

Bobby June, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Smith, was born

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PHILLIPS

Mrs. Ella Phillips, wife of W. J. Phillips, died Nov. 22, 1934, at the age of sixty years. She was saved and ready to go.—Her daughter-in-law, Nellie Phillips, 175 W. Fountain St., Battle Creek, Mich.

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HICKS

Leslie Hicks, eighteen years old, died Dec. 1, 1934. He was yet a boy but a man for God and stood for the whole truth and trusted God to the end.—Two who loved him, L. V. Hall and wife, Branford, Fla.

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CLARK

Bill Clark of Mabscott, W. Va. has recently gone to be with Jesus, having been saved a short time before his death. Pray for me, his stepson, and my mother.—Andrew Payne.

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WIGGINS

Brother Bob Wiggins died Dec. 25, 1934. He was a faithful member of the Church of God and will be greatly missed. Funeral was conducted by Brothers J. G. Houck, T. M. West and R. L. Collette. Interment was made in the High Shoals cemetery.—One who loved him, Ernest V. Arrowood, High Shoals, N. C.

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DEATH NOTICE

We are notified of the death of one of the brethren who was a member of the Church of God at Wickham, W. Va., who left a testimony that all was well with his soul. Funeral services were conducted by Evangelist Alfred Lucas. The one who sent the notice in failed to give the name of the deceased brother.

The Overcoming Saints

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and he is sure to attack us and he will devour us if God does not help us. Let's not try to be like the world, try to be like Him who gave Himself for us, and remember He will not leave or forsake us if we will put our trust in Him.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

I was converted in a Billy Sunday meeting in Ohio on a night when he preached on "The Cleansing of the Ten Lepers," and as there were exactly ten saved that night, I have always wanted to be the one who returned to give God the glory. But surely He moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, for just a short time be-

fore that I had returned from college and upon picking up a paper containing one of Billy Sunday's sermons I had called him an ignorant fanatic. Other factors in my conversion were a godly mother, a former Sunday School teacher who had me on her prayer list, and the singing of a song entitled, "My Heart Is Singing all the Time." I thought to myself, "Well my heart

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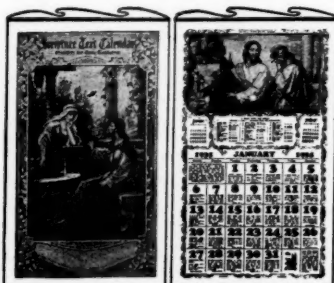
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is not singing and never did sing although I have had practically everything that I have wanted (for my father was rich) and have been to college." So I started up the "saw-dust trail" and did not go ten feet before I was converted.

A few days later a girl friend came to me and said, "Surely, Earl, you do not intend to give up the club dances, theatre, etc." I had not even thought about that, only realizing that I was a lost sinner going to hell and wanted to be saved but it was too late then as I had received Tiffany pearls and diamonds for the Woolworth kind.

Then I began to straighten out my back tracks and make straight paths for my feet. I went to a Jew who owned a clothing store and told him about a three-dollar pair of kid gloves that I had taken from him without his knowledge and gave him the money. He said, "If that is the kind of religion that you get in a Billy Sunday meeting, it is all right." Then I went to a Roman Catholic from whom I had taken ten dollars and returned it. He said exactly what the Jew said, "If that is the kind of religion that you get in a Billy Sunday meeting, it is all right." I kept walking in the light and doing what God showed me and I was headed for Pentecost. Nine months later I received Him, speaking in other tongues as Mary, the mother of Jesus, Peter, James, John, the hundred and twenty, Cornelius and all the other saints did in Bible days. To be saved and sanctified is sweet but the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a million times sweeter.—Earl A. Cripps, Gen. Del., Miami, Fla.

BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

Dear Evangel readers: I praise my blessed Redeemer for His wonderful love and mercy. Praise His name! About a month ago or probably longer I sent a handkerchief to have it anointed for my body as I was badly afflicted with the itch, also had swollen gums which bled nearly all the time.

I felt some relief immediately after I mailed the letter but did not get complete healing. Then when the handkerchief arrived and after reading the letter prayerfully, I placed the handkerchief upon my forehead according to directions. All praise and glory be to Jesus, such a sweet, soothing feeling went

all through my body. I haven't had bleeding gums since, they are perfectly well. Praise the dear Lord; it is truly wonderful! I am healed of the itch now but at first I had symptoms of it again and, of course, old Satan tried to say I was never healed. I thank and praise God, I know I am healed.

There is nothing impossible with Christ. He is able to perform the miracles today as He did when He walked the shores of Galilee. He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and by His stripes we are healed. Everything is possible to them who believe. I thank God I have found Him as my Healer, Savior, Baptizer, Deliverer and Pilot thru life's journey. I request the prayers of each saint that I may stand steadfast until Jesus comes.—A sister in Him, Adah E. Hamilton, Glenburn, N. Dak.

WE HAD GOOD MEETING

My mother was a good mother

but did not know God and did not believe in holiness. She took sick and we held on to God. Sister Wilson of Texas came here to hold a meeting. She came to see mother and she loved her at first sight. Sister Wilson began to pray for her and she got saved and sanctified. She didn't dread death. We all feel like trying to live more faithful than ever before. All you dear saints pray for us, especially one brother who is not saved. We still love the Church of God and His people and want to make the last mile of the way. We don't want our family circle to be broken in glory so every one who reads this pray for us.

We had a good meeting. Eleven were saved God has wonderfully built up the work. We have a good pastor, Brother W. B. Davis, and wife. We don't know how many were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, but several.—Mrs. W. H. Bently, Pulaski, Va.

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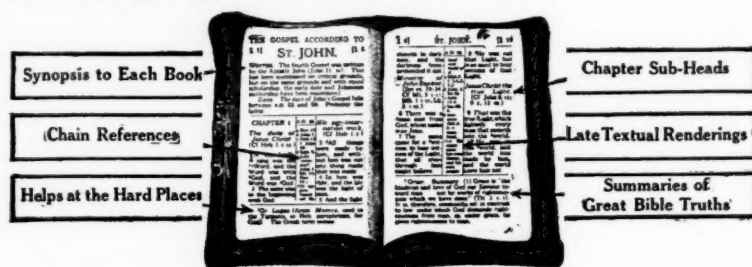
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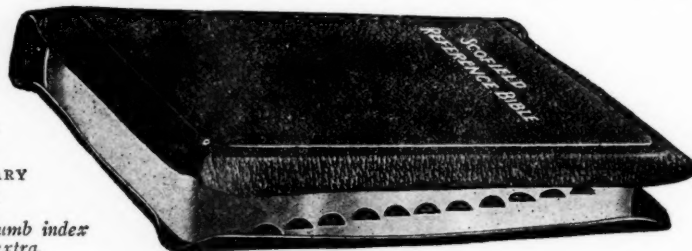
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